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Price 3 d.] EDINBURGH, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3. 1787.


## THEATRE-ROYAL.

On MONDAY Evening, February 5. 1787,
WILL BE PRESENTED,
A PLAY AND FARCE,
In both which,
Mrs ROBINSON,
Who is just arrived from Dublin,
Will perform a principal Character.

## MILITARY CLUB.

THE Military Club meets at North's Tavern, on Tuesday the 6th February.
JOHN MACDONALD Esq; of Clanronald in the Chair.
Dinner on the table at four o'clock.

## SUN FIRE OFFICE,

EDINBURGH.

*WHEREAS, Agents of the Royal Exchange Assurance Office, Phœnix Fire Office, Edinburgh Friendly Insurance, and other Offices, have, in different parts of the Kingdom, advertised the giving of* POLICIES GRATIS *to all persons removing from any other Office, whereby some persons have been induced to leave this Office—*

*Notice is hereby given, That the* SUN FIRE OFFICE *will henceforth give* Policies gratis *to all persons already insured in this Office, who have occasion to alter their Insurance; and likewise* Policies gratis *to any persons removing their Insurances from any other Office.*

Edinburgh, January 30, 1787. ROBERT ALLAN *Agent.*

JUST ARRIVED, and for Sale, at the Warehouses of James Pinkerton and Co. Leith,

## The following New Provisions,

VIZ.

Best MESS and CARGO BEEF in Teirces and Barrels.
Best MESS and CARGO PORK in Barrels.
First and Second ROSE BUTTER in Firkins.
And Bakers can always be supplied, at the above-mentioned warehouses, with the very best London Flour in sacks.

## WINES and FRUITS.

JUST now arrived, after a short passage, a quantity of the following fruits, viz.
LEMONS, CHINA and SEVILLE ORANGES.
St CATHARINE's PRUNES, in chests & half-chests.
Also a quantity of very fine Italian RAISINS, of a rich quality, fit for making wine, which will be sold at 24 l. Sterling per ton.
Some very fine Walnuts, Chesnuts, and French Rynods.
Those that buy the Oranges for Marmalade will be entitled to sugar for making the same one halfpenny per pound below the current prices.
Port and Sherry Wine of the best quality, and lowest prices, of any in town.
Orders for the above addressed to Alexander Thomson, at his Ware-house, High Street, Edinburgh, will be properly attended to.

## China and Bitter Oranges.

JUST arrived from Seville, in the Peggy, Captain George Skirven, a parcel of CHINA and BITTER ORANGES, to be sold in chests and half chests.
Apply to Walker, Thomson, and Company, Edinburgh, or to David Liddell, at their Warehouse, Kirkgate, Leith.
ALSO,
About 1200 Bushels of St Lucar SALT, to be sold at the Mash in Leith harbour, and may be seen on board the vessel.

JUST ARRIVED,

## High-coloured China and Seville O-

RANGES, from St Lucar, NORMANDY RENNETS, St CATHARINE's PRUNES, WALNUTS, and CHESNUTS, in excellent order, to be sold at Wm KERR and Co's, shore of Leith.
N. B. ENGLISH APPLES, as formerly, and BURTON ALE in great perfection.

## Congou and Souchong Teas.

WILLIAM THORBURN begs leave to acquaint the Ladies who have had Teas from his warehouse, that part of the Congou and Souchong of last sale are arrived, which he thinks good and cheap. He can with the more freedom recommend the Teas of this parcel, as they were all examined by himself in London before being purchased, and particular attention paid to their strength, flavour, and colour in the cup. They will be sold from the chests in which they were imported, at the following prices, viz. Ordinary Congou, 3s. Middling ditto, 3s. 8d. Good ditto, 4s. Superfine, 4s. 6d. Very good Souchong, 5s. Superfine ditto, 5s. 6d. Pekoe Sort, 6s.
W. THORBURN will be answerable for no Teas said to be from this, unless put up in bags of one or more pounds upon which his name, and the price paid for the tea, is marked. Ladies sending their orders to this warehouse will have their Teas sent, sealed, to their lodgings in Edinburgh, free of expence; but no Teas are booked, as each single pound is sold under the common wholesale price.
*Leith, 1st February 1787.*

*St Andrew's Street, New Town, Edinburgh.*

WILLIAM M'EWAN, after thanking a generous public for past favours, takes the liberty to inform them, that he is now selling wholesale and retail, the following fine new TEAS, viz.

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| GUN POWDER, | SOUSHONG, |
| GREEN, | CONGO, |
| HYSON, | BOHEA, |

And a quantity of good high-coloured India Nankeens.
As the above goods were all purchased under his own inspection, and at the cheapest and best markets, W. M. is happy to have it now in his power to supply his customers, not only with the best of goods, but upon such terms as can hardly fail to merit the approbation of all those who please to make trial.
The TEAS recommended are Congo, 4 s. 6 d. Soushong, 5 s. and 5 s. 6 d. Hyson, 7 s. 6 d. and very fine ditto, 8 s. Gun-powder Green, 15 s.
Foreign Spirits;—Double Rum, 8 s. Coniac Brandy, 8 s. Bord ditto, 7 s. Dutch Gineveaux, 6 s.
☞ Commissions properly attended to.

## TEA & CHINA WARE-ROOM,

Second door up the first stair above the
TRON CHURCH.

JAmes Mason acquaints, that he has just now got to hand a Fresh Cargo of
BLACK AND GREEN TEA,
which he is selling wholesale and retail, on reasonable terms, for ready money.
A few boxes of very fine Hyson Green, and Padre Souchong, the same quality as what he sold lately, and that gave such satisfaction.
LIKEWISE,
China, India Paper, Japan Soy, China Ink, Cane and Straw Mats for the table, &c. &c.

## BRITISH STATE LOTTERY.

WHITE AND MITCHEL take the liberty of reminding those who intend purchasing TICKETS or SHARES, that the drawing begins on Monday the 12th of February. The first day's lists will arrive here on Thursday the 15th, before which they request purchasers to apply at their Licensed Office opposite to the Tron Church, Edinburgh, where the greatest variety of Tickets and Shares may be had, and all business respecting the Lottery transacted agreeable to act of Parliament, on account of *Messr. Richardson and Goodluck, London*, and no where else in Scotland *on their account*. Money for the prizes sold at this office will be paid at current value so soon as drawn, or in June 1787, without any deduction. At their offices in last lottery, No. 48,577 a prize of 20,000 l. was sold in three fourths, one eighth, and two sixteenths. No. 27,964 a prize of 10,000 l. in one half, one fourth, one eighth, and two sixteenths; besides, three of 5000 l.—two of 2000 l.—eight of 1000 l. and nine of 500 l.
Correct Numerical and Register Books kept. Tickets and Shares registered at 6 d. each number. Schemes *gratis*.
Letters, (post paid) duly answered.

## PRINTS AND PAINTINGS.

TO be SOLD by auction, in Mr Launie's auction-room, head of Bell's Wynd, on Wednesday the 7th, and the three following evenings, to begin precisely at six o'clock,
PRINTS AND PAINTINGS,
After the greatest masters ancient and modern, viz. Rubins, Raphael, Caraci, Edelink, Polly, Salvator, Rosa, Rembrant, Ostade, Brower, Van Amstel, &c. &c.
N. B. The whole will be sold off without reserve, and may be seen from eleven to three.
Catalogues to be had at the place of sale.

THE SUBSCRIBERS FOR

## The Berwick-shire Police Scheme,

AT their Last General Meeting, adjourned to Wednesday the 21st day of February 1787. It is therefore requested and expected, that the Subscribers and Committee will then attend, in the house of Alexander Gordon vintner in Dunse, to carry the scheme into further execution. And it is desired that the several Collectors will deliver in to the clerk, before the day of the meeting, their respective subscription papers.

TO LET,

## THAT Lodging in the New Town,

being the corner house, fronting the north side of George's Street, and the east side of North Hanover Street, with an entry from that street, consisting of four rooms, one of them 24 feet by 20; two large bed closets; three cellars, two of them fitted up with catacombs. Presently possessed by James Mansfield, Esq.
For particulars enquire at Alexander Thomson writer in Edinburgh. Not to be repeated.

## JOHN RAMSAY,

Wood Merchant, foot of Leith Wynd, Edinburgh,
BEGS leave to return thanks to his Customers, and informs them, that he has at present on hand a quantity of exceeding fine MAHOGANY, Lath in Logs and Boards; also, a parcel of WAINSCOT in logs and boards of different sizes. Likewise, a cargo of Norway Logs and Trees, exceeding good.
The above wood, all of the best quality, he can sell on very moderate terms.

## Linens, Muslins, &c.

EBENEZER GAIRDNER, Linen Manufacturer, Edinburgh, returns his sincere thanks to the Nobility, Gentry, and his friends in general, for the encouragement he has received these many years past, during his most anxious, studious, and expensive improvements in the Figured Branches, both Damask and Diaper, which he has brought to that perfection never before known in this country; and has the pleasure of informing them, that his Damask, both for elegance of figures, and fabric of cloth, is bought by foreigners in many different quarters, and to go (he may say) where the foreign comes from.
At his Ware Room, Cross, Edinburgh, has just received from the bleaching, of his own manufacture, a good assortment of both plain and figured Linens, which he will answer for the wear of, being made of the richest flax, viz.
Linen, from 9 d. to 6 s. per yard.
Sheetings, various breadths, from 1 s. 1 d. to 6 s. per yard.

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| Damask table linen newest and most elegant patterns. } in suits. | Ditto in single cloths, various sizes |
| | Tea napkins |
| Ditto in single cloths, various sizes | Towellings and cloutings |
| | Glass cloths and rubbers |
| Diaper table linen, newest patterns } in suits. | Cambricks, different prices |
| | Long lawns of all kinds |

Has also this day received a new and large assortment of MUSLINS of the following kinds, being part of the last sales in the India House, which he is selling on the lowest terms:

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| Plain } various breadths | Cordel and figured demittie |
| Checkered | India tweel |
| Flowered | Callico |
| Stript & flowered | Plain clear lawns |
| Book | Stript ditto |
| Ditto handkerchiefs | Checkered ditto |
| Neckcloths | Handkerchiefs. |

A large assortment of uncommonly low 4-4ths, 5-4ths, and 6-4ths Plain Muslin for gowns, from 1 s. 6 d. to 9 s. per yard.
He likewise manufactures, in the most elegant manner, Noblemen and Gentlemens Coats of Arms, Crests, Mottos, Cyphers, or any other device.
Orders execute in the best manner.
N. B. At his factory, West Port, he sells (as formerly) lint and tow of all kinds, and buys and sells yarn.
An apprentice wanted.

## SLATE TRADE.

THE Easdale Slate Company, and the Baleheilish and Balnahuay Slate Companies give this public notice, that, after the first day of next March, the price of slates at these quarries will be advanced to twenty-five shillings per thousand.
Strangers and shipmasters are requested to bring letters of credit; as otherwise they will not be served at these quarries.
FEB. 1. 1787.

## JUDICIAL SALE.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Parliament or New Session-house of Edinburgh, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills, upon Thursday the 8th day of February 1787, betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon,

## The Small Tenement lying on the

north side of the Tolbooth Street of Haddington, near the Flesh Market, the proven rent whereof is 10 l. 10 s. Sterling.—Upset-price 136 l. 10 s.
The articles of roup may be seen in the hands of Keith Dunbar, depute-clerk of Session. And application may be made to Mr Hay Donaldson, writer in Haddington, or Alexander Cuningham writer, Blackfriar's Wynd, Edinburgh, who will inform as to particulars.

*BONA FIDE SECURITY.*

FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS

Is already deposited for the payment of all demands, and shall remain until the whole of the drawing is concluded, in the hands of an eminent Banker, whose receipt may be seen at the office of

## HORSLEY AND CO.

No. 7. opposite the Bank-buildings, Cornhill.
*From Messr. Hornsby and Co. No. 26. Cornhill.*

THE following eligible plans are respectfully submitted to the attention of the Public, which, on perusal, they flatter themselves, from the superior advantages in value and security, cannot fail of receiving the patronage of every discerning adventurer. Including every prize, from a 20 l. to a 20,000 l. in the present English State Lottery. The whole of the purchase-money returned, if drawn only a small prize of 20 l. To continue during the whole time of the drawing: That is to say, from the first-drawn Ticket till the last ticket is drawn out of the wheel, and the money for the prizes will be paid on demand, without the smallest deduction whatever.

ONE GUINEA.

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| If a L. | 20000 to | L. 1360 0 0 |
| | 10000 to | 900 0 0 |
| | 5000 to | 450 0 0 |
| | 2000 to | 160 0 0 |
| | 1000 to | 80 0 0 |
| | 500 to | 40 0 0 |
| | 100 to | 10 0 0 |
| | 50 to | 5 0 0 |
| | 20 to | One Guinea. |

If the number be the first-drawn on the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th, and 16th days, or the last drawn ticket on the last day, L. 80 will be paid for the same.

HALF-A-GUINEA.

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| If a L. | 20000 to | L. 900 0 0 |
| | 10000 to | 450 0 0 |
| | 5000 to | 225 0 0 |
| | 2000 to | 80 0 0 |
| | 1000 to | 40 0 0 |
| | 500 to | 20 0 0 |
| | 100 to | 5 0 0 |
| | 50 to | 2 10 0 |
| | 20 to | half-a-guinea. |

If the number be the first-drawn on the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th, and 16th days, or the last-drawn ticket on the last day, L. 40 will be paid for the same.

FIVE SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE.

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| If a L. | 20,000 to | L. 450 0 0 |
| | 10,000 to | 225 0 0 |
| | 5000 to | 110 0 0 |
| | 2000 to | 40 0 0 |
| | 1000 to | 20 0 0 |
| | 500 to | 10 0 0 |
| | 100 to | 2 10 0 |
| | 50 to | 1 5 0 |
| | 20 to | 0 5 6 |

If the number be the first-drawn on the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th, and 16th days, or the last-drawn ticket on the last day, 20 l. will be paid for the same.

The following capital considerations are likewise given gratis, beside the sums above mentioned:—
If the Subscription be drawn any prize whatever above a 20 l. a new subscription will be given, exclusive of the full money for the prize; and if drawn only a small prize of 20l. the first cost will be returned.
Subscribers to this Society, previous to the commencement of the drawing, will have the option of renewing their original subscription at the first price, and as soon as they please, let the price of tickets go as high as it will. And, it is a well-known fact, that, for several Lotteries past, the Guinea Subscriptions have been sold for Five Guineas. In this particular, the two last whole days of drawing only are excepted.
Purchasers buying Five, at One Guinea, Half-a-Guinea, or Five Shillings and Sixpence, shall receive five times the money laid out, if all five be drawn prizes.
Letters (post paid) duly answered.
Any person desiring to have a faithful account of their subscription sent as soon as drawn to any part of the town or country, may receive the same, without any additional expence,

*Two Chances instead of One.*

By the following mode the purchaser has Two Chances for a dividend, equal to a Sixteenth Share on the capital prizes and equal to a Fourth Share on those of 50 l. The prizes will be paid immediately when they are drawn without the smallest deduction.

ONE GUINEA.

| Subscription, consisting of two numbers, by which subscribers are entitled, either being drawn a prize of | | |
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| £ 20,000 | to | £ 1250 0 |
| 10,000 | to | 625 0 |
| 5000 | to | 300 0 |
| 2000 | to | 130 0 |
| 1000 | to | 85 0 |
| 500 | to | 55 0 |
| 100 | to | 25 0 |
| 50 | to | 12 0 |

And if the first drawn the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th, or 16th day, or last drawn on the last day, to 85 l.

HALF-A-GUINEA

| Subscription, consisting of two numbers, by which the subscriber will be entitled, either being drawn a prize of | | |
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| £ 20,000 | to | £ 625 0 |
| 10,000 | to | 312 0 |
| 5000 | to | 150 0 |
| 2000 | to | 65 0 |
| 1000 | to | 42 0 |
| 500 | to | 27 0 |
| 100 | to | 12 0 |
| 50 | to | 6 0 |

And if the first drawn on the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th, or 16th day, or last drawn on the last day, to 42 l.

FIVE SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE

Subscription, consisting of two numbers, by which the subscriber will be entitled, either being drawn a prize of

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| £ 20,000 | to | £ 312 0 0 |
| 10,000 | to | 157 0 0 |
| 5000 | to | 75 0 0 |
| 2000 | to | 32 0 0 |
| 1000 | to | 21 0 0 |
| 500 | to | 13 0 0 |
| 100 | to | 6 0 0 |
| 50 | to | 3 0 0 |

And if the first drawn on the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th, and 16th days, or the last drawn on the last day, 21 l.

By the above plan, containing two numbers, the adventurer of One Guinea has two chances for 422 prizes from 12 l to 1500 l. being the full value of a sixteenth share; whereas by a sixteenth share, which will cost the same money, he can have only the chance of 72 prizes or upwards. A superiority so great, and so amply secured, must obtain that preference it so evidently deserves.
Subscribers who have any prize of 50 l. or upwards, will be entitled to a new policy (gratis.)
Purchasers of three at one time of either of the subscriptions containing two numbers, shall, if the numbers are all prizes, be entitled on five times their first purchase; and such persons as wish to have an account of the success of their subscription, will have them sent (gratis) All letters (post paid) duly answered.
The above chances will be renewed to purchasers during the whole drawing, at the original prices (the two last days of drawing excepted) let the price of tickets be ever so high: and it has frequently been the case in former lotteries, that the chances have been sold for five or six guineas advance.
HORSLEY and Co. are determined to govern themselves on the same principles which have distinguished the house of their old employers, HORNSBY and Co. fully sensible, that it is by such conduct alone that they can expect to receive the favours of a generous public.

## ARMY.

A LIEUTENANT in the 99th Regiment, wishes on reasonable terms to make an exchange into an old regiment.
For particulars enquire for Mr S. B. at the Printing House.

## A MANUSCRIPT.

ABOUT three weeks ago, a Paper Parcel, containing a QUARTO VOLUME in Manuscript, apparently of no very modern date from the hand writing, and other circumstances, addressed on the outer cover to a Gentleman in the Parliament Close, was safely delivered by a porter, but without any letter or message whence it came.
The Gentleman earnestly requests, that the person who sent it will be kind enough to add the additional obligation of letting him know to whom he is indebted for the favour; together with the name, if known, of the author of the manuscript.

*By Order of the Right Hon. the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh.*

THERE are to be exposed to Sale by public roup, within the Council Chamber, upon Wednesday next the 7th of February current, at five o'clock afternoon,

## These parts of the CITY WALL, ly-

ing on the South side of Heriot's Hospital, and on the west side thereof, as far north as the new wall round the Reservoir, in three lots.
As ALSO, That part of the City Wall situated upon the south side of the College.
The conditions of sale will be shown by the City Clerks.

AT LONDON——FOR LEITH,
## THE LOVELY MARY,
JAMES BOYD,
(For W. BEATSON) Master,
Is lying at Hawley's Wharf, taking in goods for Leith, Edinburgh, and all places adjacent, and will sail the 7th February 1787.
The Master to be spoke with at the New England Coffeehouse, Threadneedle Street, by the Royal Exchange, at 'Change hours; mornings and evenings on board the ship.

AT LONDON—FOR LEITH,
## THE ELIZA,
JOHN SAMSON Master,
Now lying at Hoare's Wharf, taking in goods for Leith, Edinburgh, and country adjacent, and will sail the 14th February.
This ship is a remarkable fast sailer, has good accommodation for passengers; and, as the Master takes charge of her himself, the best of usage may be depended on, and the greatest care taken of such goods as he may be entrusted with.

FOR GRENADA,
## THE CARRIERE,
ROBERT STEEL Master,
Will be ready to receive goods at Greenock by the 15th of February, and clear to sail the 25th March.
For freight or passage, apply to John Campbell senior, in Glasgow, or the master at Greenock.
A good BLACKSMITH, used to horse-shoeing and country work, a good HOUSE CARPENTER, and a good MASON, well recommended, and willing to engage to serve in Grenada for a term of years, will receive good encouragement from Mr Campbell.

*For James River, Virginia,*
## THE SHIP MERMAID,
CAPTAIN HUNTER,
Now lying at Port Glasgow, will be ready to receive goods on board by the 10th February, and clear to sail by the 1st of March at farthest.
For freight or passage, apply to Corbett, Russel, and Co. Glasgow, or the master at Port Glasgow. This vessel has most excellent accommodation for passengers.
*Glasgow, 30th January 1787.*

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the house of Peter Buchanan, vintner, Port-Glasgow, on Tuesday the 20th February curt. betwixt the hours of twelve and two o'clock mid-day,

## The Ship CYCLOPS,

Burthen about 280 tons, (well calculated for any trade, or may be fitted out for Greenland at an easy expence,) as she now lies in the harbour of Port-Glasgow.
Inventory and conditions of sale to be seen in the hands of John Dunlop, or James Shaw, Merchants there, to whom persons intending to purchase may apply, betwixt and the day of sale.

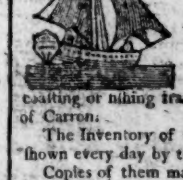
TO be SOLD by public roup, in the house of Mrs Blackhall, on the shore of Leith, on Thursday the 22d curt. at twelve o'clock noon,

## The Sloop Margaret,

As she presently lies in the harbour of Leith, about 40 Tons Burden, shifts without ballast.
For further particulars apply to John Kay and Company, ship brokers, Leith, who can dispose of said sloop by private bargain, any time before the day of sale.

*A SLOOP FOR SALE*
AT GRANGEMOUTH,

THAT upon Friday the 23d February current, betwixt the hours of twelve mid-day and two in the afternoon, there is to be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the house of George Walker, vintner in Grangemouth,



The Good SLOOP, called the
## Margaret and Janet
OF CARRON,
ARCHIBALD HIGGENS Master,
About 85 Tons Burden, not above twenty months old.
The Sloop is an excellent sailer, well found, and perfectly adapted for the exacting or fishing trade, and was built in the neighbourhood of Carron.
The Inventory of the Sloop and articles of roup, will be shown every day by the Captain on board.
Copies of them may also be seen in the hands of Thomas Day, at Mr Higgins of Newck, near Airth; with whom, or the Captain on board, any person intending to purchase may correspond.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, *Jan.* 30.

*Whitehall, Jan.* 30.

THE King has been pleaſed to grant to the Reverend George Cotton, Doctor of Laws, the dignity of Dean of the cathedral church of Cheſter, vacant by the death of the Reverend Doctor William Smith.

*Cumberland-Houſe, Jan.* 29.

This day, Monſ. Le Chevalier de Pollon, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Sardinia,

And Monſ. Le Comte d'Haſlang, Miniſter Plenipotentiary from the Elector Palatine Duke of Bavaria, had private audiences of his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland:

To which they were introduced by Stephen Cottrell, Eſq; Aſſiſtant Maſter of the Ceremonies.

*Madrid, Jan.* 8.

An expreſs has arrived at Carthagena from Algiers, with an account of the plague having broken out at Conſtantia with ſuch violence as to ſpread the alarm over all that part of the coaſt. The number of deaths was ſaid to be from fifty to eighty in a day, and the Conſuls and other foreigners at Algiers had ſhut up their houſes, and renounced all communication with the reſt of the inhabitants.

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LLOYD's LIST. —*Jan.* 30.

THE Commerce, Fraſer, from London to Cork and Jamaica, has been on ſhore near Baltimore in Ireland, and being very leaky, is put in there, and muſt unload to repair.

The Guſtaff, Siberg, from Gottenburg to St Maloes, is carried into Ramſgate by the Deal boats, with loſs of rudder and five feet water in her hold, after being deſerted by the crew on the Goodwin Sands.

The Charlotte, Clark, got back to Malaga the 31ſt of December, with loſs of main, and main top-maſt, one man killed, and three wounded by lightning, in the gale of the 23d of December.

Captain Jenkins, of the John and Ann, arrived in the River from Honduras, ſpoke the Ann, Foſter, from Glaſgow to Virginia, lat. 36. lon. 57. out ſeven weeks, all well. On the 1ſt inſtant ſpoke the Pr. William, Seldon, of Cork, for Grenada, in lat. 49. lon. 14. all well. On the 27th of October laſt, ſpoke the Defiance, Strong, of London, in great diſtreſs, ſhe had been on ſhore on the iſland of Cuba, and plundered by the Spaniards of all her ſtores, books, and charts, and likewiſe kept two men. Captain Jenkins ſupplied them with a quadrant, a navigation book, and ſome proviſion.

The Sykes, Stevenſon, from Rowen to Dublin, is ſtranded near Seaford, the cargo landed.

The Betſey, Shephard, for Rotterdam, returned to Graveſend the 28th inſtant.

The Henry, Mercer, from Oporto to Dundee, which was on ſhore near Hurſt Caſtle, is got off, and gone to Cowes to repair.

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FROM THE LONDON PAPERS, *Jan.* 31

*Paris, Jan.* 22. Mr Eden, the Engliſh commercial Plenipotentiary, ſtill remains here. He was laſt night at the general meeting of foreign Miniſters at the houſe of the Ruſſian Plenipotentiary.

The Archbiſhop of Paris has lately had ſeveral conferences with his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, as have ſome other beneficed clergy, ſo that there now remains no doubt that religious matters will at leaſt form one of the points to be diſcuſſed at the enſuing meeting of notables.

*Paris, Jan.* 25. A new ordinance, dated Dec. 24, 1786, has been iſſued from the King's Council, for eſtabliſhing twenty-four packet-boats to communicate with the French Leeward Iſlands, that of Bourbon, and the United States of America. This ordinance, ſo very intereſting to commerce, contains five articles, of which the following is the ſubſtance:

Article I. In the ports of *Havre de Grace, and of Bourdeaux*, a ſufficient number of his Majeſty's veſſels ſhall be ſtationed, one of which is to ſail regularly the firſt day of every month for the French iſlands in America. On the fifteenth of January, of April, of July, and of October, for the Iſles of France and Bourbon; and on the 10th of February, 25th of March, 10th of May, 25th of June, 10th of Auguſt, 25th of September, 10th of November, and 25th of December, for the United States of America, according to the rules preſcribed by the ordinance.

Art. II. The command of theſe ſhips ſhall be given to officers belonging to his Majeſty's Navy, and they are to be paid and diſciplined according to the rules of the Royal Navy.

Art. III. His Majeſty named the Sieur *Lecouteux de la Noüaye*, under the directions of the Secretary of State, to furniſh the armament, and every thing neceſſary for the equipment of theſe packets, and the ſaid Mr Lecouteux is to collect the money fixed by the ordinance for the conveyance of letters, paſſengers, and goods, permitted to be carried by the packets.

The IVth and laſt Art. mentions the regulation of his Majeſty for the tranſportation of letters, goods, paſſengers, and fixes the tarif to be paid, which is ſaid to exceed the current price taken by the merchant, ſo as not to prove an injury to Commerce.

*Paris, Jan.* 22. Mild weather, but a thick fog prevented our ſeeing the eclipſe of the ſun.

Dr Franklin's conductors have ſaved the Town-Hall of the city of Poppi in Tuſcany. As it had been often damaged by lightning, the Grand Duke ordered a conductor to be placed on the top of the tower. Twice in a late ſtorm the flaſhes attacked the building, and the lightning, after having melted the gilt point of the ſteel, loſt itſelf in a well, where the conductor ended, without cauſing the leaſt damage.

A moſt horrid murder was committed laſt week in a very populous part of the town of Paris, by a prieſt, whoſe name they ſay is Bardier. He was reckoned a great libertine, uſed to game, kept a miſtreſs, &c. His mother, who lived in the country, wrote ſeveral letters of admonition to him, but to no purpoſe. She then addreſſed herſelf to her eldeſt ſon, a very honeſt induſtrious man, who had made his fortune in the law, and by purchaſing in the public funds. She deſired him to try every method to ſave his brother from ruin; and if gentle means ſhould fail, to apply to the Miniſter and get him confined. The Abbé having got intelligence of this ſecret correſpondence, and knowing that his brother always carried his whole fortune, which conſiſted of 30,000 crowns, about him, in a pocket-book, invited him to ſpend the evening at his miſtreſs's.—There, with the woman's aſſiſtance, this unnatural monſter killed him, and both attempted to cut off his legs above the knees, in order to put him in a trunk. They could not, however, ſucceed; for the body was found, thus mangled, three days after the murder. The beſt part of his effects the deceaſed has left at his lodgings. This accurſed miniſter of hell, and his Jezebel, went off undiſcovered immediately after, and have probably reached, in three days time, a foreign ſhore. May ſuch abominable peſts of ſociety meet condign puniſhment, and diſcord or remorſe throw one of them, or both into the hands of juſtice!

LONDON, *Jan.* 31.

Yeſterday being the Anniverſary of the Martyrdom of King Charles, the Right Honourable the Lord Chancellor came to the Houſe of Peers in his ſtate coach, and as ſoon as the form of reading prayers was over, went to Weſtminſter Abbey, and heard a ſermon, preached by the Biſhop of Oxford, taken from the following words, of the 17th of Proverbs, 14th verſe, viz. "The beginning of ſtrife is as one letteth out water; therefore leave off contention before it be meddled with." As ſoon as the ſervice of the day was over, the Lord Chancellor, and the Biſhop of Canterbury, the Archbiſhop of York, the Biſhop of Rocheſter, the Biſhop of Worceſter, the Biſhop of Landaff, and the Biſhop of Bangor, returned to the Houſe of Peers, and adjourned to this day.

The Speaker of the Houſe of Commons alſo went to St Margaret's church in form, and heard a ſermon preached by their Chaplin from Pſalm 90th and ver. 12, viz. "What man doth know what power and what might thy anger hath?" After the ſervice was over the Speaker returned, and adjourned the Houſe to this day.

Yeſterday about twelve o'clock, the Lord Chancellor came down, and the Houſe having proceeded to prayers,

The Lord Chancellor reported his Majeſty's moſt gracious anſwer to the Addreſs of the Houſe of the 23d inſtant, which, together with the Addreſs, were by order of the Houſe directed to be printed.

A petition was preſented, praying for a bye day to hear an appeal, ſet down in their Lordſhips paper of cauſes. The petition being read, was ordered to lie on the table.

Two other petitions were preſented, praying to have their cauſes adjourned, until after all the cauſes ſet down for hearing; this was upon the queſtion agreed to.

The ſtate of Lord Mansfield's health has been variouſly miſrepreſented. His intellectual powers are as ſound as ever, and would be employed in the exerciſe of his profeſſion, were it not for a high degree of nervous irritability, which renders his caſe ſo precarious, that he cannot truſt himſelf on the Bench. His nerves are at times ſo much ſhaken, that he ſuffers great pain, yet with all that philoſophy and fortitude, which it is natural to expect from ſo great a mind. When free from this pain, which is frequently very great, his Lordſhip is chearful, chatty, and attentive. He ſees few or no company, and is viſited only by a ſelect few, the principal of whom are Lady Wentworth, Lord and Lady Stormont.

That the noble Lord above-mentioned will ever again fill his high office, is utterly improbable; nor do his real friends wiſh that he would riſk, by ſuch experiment, the loſs of a life which may be preſerved for a conſiderable time, by the calm lenitives of retirement, and friendly attentions.

His Excellency the Spaniſh Ambaſſador waited yeſterday on Mr Pitt, with whom he held a long conference.

Yeſterday ſome diſpatches were received from the Court of Madrid, which were immediately communicated to his Majeſty.

It is very extraordinary that not one branch of the Royal Family, ſince the acceſſion of his preſent Majeſty's family to the Britiſh throne, has ever viſited Ireland: ſuch a viſit, at the preſent juncture, would not be unfavourable to the general intereſts of the empire at large. The reception which Prince William Henry has met in the diſtant dependencies of the empire, is more than flattering; and had any branch of the Royal Family done Ireland the ſame honour, the influence of the Royal viſitor might go far in cementing the jarring opinions of the people.

Mr Sawbridge takes the lead in moving for a bill of inſolvency, or rather a bill for the appointment of Commiſſioners, as was the caſe in the reign of Elizabeth, to examine the ſtatement of each debtor's affairs; and, upon a fair production of accounts on oath, liberty to be obtained.

Lord Beauchamp has agreed to ſecond Mr Sawbridge's motion; and even the penſioned member for the city, to ſcrape up the crumbs of popularity, has agreed to give his ſupport to the propoſed bill for liberating the unfortunate.

Mr Sawbridge has taken the petition of the King's Bench under his protection; Mr Wilberforce that of York; and the county members are alſo engaged to make England as free, in regard to arreſts, as the edict of France, and proclamations of Spain, have made thoſe countries.

On the ſecond reading of the bill of inſolvency, an expence of forty pounds falls on the mover of the queſtion. This is rather cruel in the cauſe of humanity to the unfortunate!

Lord Charles Fitzroy, ſecond ſon to the Duke of Grafton, is to be elected member for Bury, in Suffolk, in the room of the Hon. G. F. Fitzroy, ſon of Lord Southampton, who has vacated his ſeat by the acceptance of the Stewardſhip of the Chiltern Hundreds. This we underſtand to have been a ſettled point at the laſt general election. Lord Charles not being then of age, could not be elected.

Colonel Popham is to be elected member for Milbourne Port, in Somerſetſhire, in the room of John Townſon, Eſq; who has alſo vacated his ſeat by the acceptance of the Chiltern Hundreds.

Joſeph Smith, Eſq; who has acted as Aſſiſtant to Dr Prettyman, it is reported will ſucceed him as confidential Secretary to the Miniſter.

The levee on Monday at Cumberland-houſe was uncommonly crowded. Upwards of four hundred of the nobility were preſent. The Prince and many foreigners of diſtinction graced the circle. Politics were not in remembrance there, for courtiers and oppoſitioniſts were equally welcome to his Royal Highneſs.

Monday Lord Viſcount Galway appeared at the levee without the wand, as Comptroller of the King's Houſehold; he having reſigned on Friday laſt.

Same day John Fenn, Eſq; attended the levee at St James's, where he was introduced to his Majeſty, by the Right Hon. William Pitt, when he had the honour of preſenting his publication of Original Letters, written during the reigns of Henry VI. Edward IV. and Richard III. The work (dedicated to the King) was moſt graciouſly received, and he had the honour of kiſſing his Majeſty's hand.

Lord George Gordon on Monday attended the Court of King's Bench, in order to make an harangue, as uſual; but it happened, that a few minutes before his arrival, the Court had broke up, which greatly diſappointed his Lordſhip and the perſons who were waiting to hear him.

The French Ambaſſador declares, the proſecution of a noble Lord is not at the ſuit of the King of France.

A printer, ſays a morning paper, has been taken up and examined ſeveral times at Bow-ſtreet, and at the Chambers of the Treaſury Solicitors, and has ſworn and ſigned to his evidence on the ſubject of two publications from his preſs, ſuppoſed to be written by a noble Lord, the one intitled "The Union with France;" the other, "The Priſoners Petition, to preſerve their lives and liberties, and prevent their baniſhment to Botany-bay;" both of which are ſaid to be treaſonable.

Whatever cauſe of diſpleaſure the Portugueze Court may have given, it never can be their ſerious intention to quarrel with England. But differences frequently ariſe from the jealouſies of trade, as well as the intrigues of Miniſters, which can ſeldom be underſtood as the ſenſe of the nation at large.—A little vigour on our ſide, and a little conſideration on theirs, will ſoon terminate the diſpute to the ſatisfaction of both parties.

At this very moment, the Court of France is making every internal regulation in their power to conſtitute an emulation between their own manufactures and ſuch of ours as they can beſt counteract. Ordering the military uniform of gentlemen to be excluſively worn, precludes a great conſumption of Britiſh fine cloths; the French having this opinion of us, that we will ſend them our hard caſh for their wines.

It is confidently aſſerted, that it is in contemplation to put a general ſtop to the circulation of counterfeit halfpence, a meaſure which we doubt not will be very agreeable to all perſons in trade, as well as to the poor induſtrious manufacturers, whoſe wages are now paid in counterfeit halfpence, not worth five ſhillings in the pound. It is rather extraordinary that the laws againſt coining counterfeit halfpence have not been much more ſevere, as the profit on coining good halfpence is very conſiderable; ſeven ſhillings worth of copper making above twenty ſhillings worth of Tower halfpence.

In this country the wiſdom of former times (Vide Journal of the Houſe of Commons, Vol. 18. p. 178) ſuggeſted, that the moſt effectual means to ſecure the copper coin from being counterfeited was, that the denominative value of the copper coin ſhould bear as near a proportion as poſſible to the intrinſic value of the metal of which the copper coin was formed. Lord Hale makes a query, whether counterfeiting copper coin be not treaſon, within the ſtatute of 25th Edw. III.

The Ruſſian 3 copper piece is nearly the weight of ſix Engliſh halfpence, yet its current value is only 1 penny 34-56ths ſterling. The Swediſh money is a kind of copper cut in ſquare pieces or plates, weighing 5 pounds and an half, ſtamped at the four corners with the Swediſh arms, and current in Sweden for a rixdollar or 4s. 8d. ſterling. The Swediſh copper dollar is equal to 6d. 1-9th ſterling.

The nominal and intrinſic value of the copper coin of Sweden being nearly alike, it is a great article of commerce of that nation.

A coinage of ſeven ſhilling pieces in gold, and ſilver three-pences, would be attended with great convenience, as it would make a leſs quantity of ſilver and halfpence ſuffice than is now in circulation.

The partizans of his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Orange have gained very much of late in the opinions of the people, by their ſteady and ingenuous behaviour in regard to that royal perſon's concerns, whoſe ſituation at preſent is ſuch as to claim the attention of every one who regards the real liberties of the United Provinces. In the broad ſcale of politics, temperance will always hold the moſt conſpicuous place, and it is ſincerely wiſhed that ſuch a line of conduct may pervade the councils and meaſures of all the Provinces. The Sieurs Dublet and Fagel, two of the nobles of Holland, are buſied in preparing meaſures for the adjuſtment of the preſent differences, which, it is ſincerely hoped, will be attended with ſucceſs.

By private letters from Conſtantinople, dated the 15th of laſt month, we hear, "That a bloody battle has been fought in the environs of the capital of Romelia, between the troops of Machmut Baſhaw, and thoſe of the officer Baſhaws ſent againſt him. They make the number of the dead, in this action, amount to 20,000; but which ſide got the victory, is not known.

"The differences between Ruſſia and the Porte are very far from being terminated, as was currently reported. The Baſhaw of Achiſea, who protects and ſupports the Leſghis Tartars, has juſt received from the Grand Seignior, a peliſſe of honour, and a magnificent ſabre.

"Prince Heraclius haa poſitively renounced the protection of Ruſſia, and has publicly declared himſelf Grand Vaſſal of the Empire of the Creſcent. In the ſtead of the tribute of Georgian ſlaves for the Seraglio, that Prince will pay an annual tribute in money.

"The Porte is to ſend to Sahin Guerai, late Khan of Crimea, the permiſſion of coming to Conſtantinople.

"All theſe events do not ſeem to announce, on the part of the Turkiſh Miniſtry, an intention very ſincere to acquieſce to the demands of Ruſſia, relative to the Leſghis Tartars; an object which, it was ſaid, they were agreed about."

*Extract of a letter from Petersburgh, Dec.* 3.

"Nothing is talked of here but the voyage to Cherſon, which is to take place on the 14th of January. Great Preparations have been making for ſome time for this journey; the two young Princes, the grandſons of our Sovereign, are to ſet off two days before her Majeſty. There is no doubt that her Majeſty will commence her journey if ſhe goes as far as Kiow, where ſhe is to have an interview with the Emperor and the King of Poland. Although, by the Poliſh conſtitution, the King cannot abſent himſelf from his dominions, unleſs in caſes of great emergency, yet, as Kiow is at no conſiderable diſtance from the frontiers of his kingdom, he may incognito take this little excurſion, without offending the etiquette of the conſtitution."

*Authentic letter from a Gentleman at Peterſham, New England, to his Correſpondent in London, dated the 25th of November,* 1786.

"Times are materially altered here ſince I wrote you laſt—nothing ſhort of *rebellion*.—The Courts of Juſtice have been ſtopped by men in arms—and bayonets put to the breaſts of the Judges.—The inſurgents gain ground rapidly, and ſeem to have no bounds to their object—all the priſons have been forced open, and the criminals and debtors ſet at liberty.

"About ten days ago, the Supreme Court of this State, opened at Cambridge, under the protection of about 3000 men, with artillery, &c.—The inſurgents thought proper to remain quiet during this period. But it ſeems now to be univerſally believed, that a general engagement will ſoon take place. The banditti have appointed as their General, a Mr *Shaize*, who held a Captain's command in the late war—it is ſaid, he will be able to take the field with 15,000 men—Should they be defeated, Government may poſſibly be able to reſtore tranquility to this diſtracted State. But if the event is otherwiſe, the rioters ſeem reſolved to overturn the Conſtitution—to deſtroy the preſent form of Government—and to put themſelves again under the protection of Great Britain.

"Whatever their deſigns may be, this is certain, that at preſent there is no collecting of debts, no circulating medium, and no credit of any kind—of conſequence there is a total ſuſpenſion of buſineſs—and a general confuſion ſeems to pervade all ranks of people."

*Pun.*—A lady obſerving to a gentleman that ſhe thought the guards dreſſed their hair remarkably neat, aſked how it was done, and was informed, that it was with ſoap-ſuds and *flour*; "Oh! (ſays ſhe) I never knew till now, why they were called *the flower of the Army*."

*Anecdote of the late King of Pruſſia.*—A miniſter of Neufchatel, of more moderation than his brethren, and who conſented to be thought a diſſenter in the church, excluded from his ſentiments the doctrine of eternal damnation, as incompatible with the mercy and juſtice of the Almighty. Crowds followed a preacher who held out ſuch a comfortable hope. His cotemporary preachers took huff and jealouſy at his popularity, and petitioned his Majeſty of Pruſſia to remove from the church ſuch an innovator in religion; adding, that ſince this man had exacted ſuch general attention, men had not that terror and ſubmiſſion towards the church and its diſciples they had had before. The King paid no reſpect whatever to the petition, which occaſioned a ſecond, and even at laſt a remonſtrance. His Majeſty thereby finding that he was under an unavoidable neceſſity of making ſome anſwer, took up the remonſtrance, and wrote on the back as follows: "*Permis a mes ſujets de Neufchatel d'etre damnes, ſelon leur deſir.*" In Engliſh, "Be it allowed to my ſubjects of Neufchatel to be eternally damned, according to their deſire."

PRICE OF STOCKS, JAN. 31.

Bank Stock, —
New 4 per cent. 1777, 93¾ a ½.
5 per cent. Ann. 1785, ſhut, 110¼ a ½.
3 per cent. red. 74½ a ¾.
3 per cent. con. ſhut, 74¾.
3 per cent. 1726, ſhut.
South Sea Stock, ſhut.
Old. Ann. —
New ditto, —
3 per cent. 1751, ſhut.
India Stock, —
3 per cent. India Ann. —
India Bonds, —
New Navy and Vict. Bills, —
Long Ann. 21½ a 3-16ths.
10 Years Short Ann. 1777, —
30 Years Ann. 1778, 13 11-16ths a ¾.
Exch. Bills, —
Lottery Tickets, 15 l. 3 s. 6 d. a 4 s. 6 d.

WIND AT DEAL, JAN. 30. S. W.

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EDINBURGH.

*Extract of a letter from London, Jan.* 31.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

"The Speaker took the chair to-day very early, and there was a pretty numerous appearance of members, in expectation that Mr *Pitt* would, agreeable to the intimation he threw out on Monday laſt, move an early day for taking into conſideration the commercial treaty entered into with the Court of France; but Mr Pitt did not come down to the Houſe till paſt four o'clock, and not being prepared to do it, it was adjourned a few minutes after he had ſeated himſelf.

"Very little buſineſs was tranſacted, except the preſenting a few private petitions.

"The Houſe came to a reſolution to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on Friday next, for conſidering of a ſupply for his Majeſty's ſervice.

"Mr Alderman *Watſon* preſented a petition from the debtors confined in the priſon of the Court of Common Pleas, praying for an act of inſolvency, and it was ordered to lie on the table.

"A very full Houſe is expected to-morrow, when Mr Myddleton is to be examined at the bar, on the motion of Mr Sheridan, in order to ſubſtantiate ſome facts preparatory to Mr Burke's motion on Monday next, on the charge againſt Mr Haſtings's conduct towards the Prince and Princeſs of Oude.

"It is a determined point with Miniſtry to bring forward the conſideration of the French treaty, without waiting the event of the negociation pending with the Court of Portugal. They are reſolved that all their influence ſhall be uſed in ratifying it with the Seal of Parliament, however it may affect us with regard to our commercial advantages with other countries. The Miniſter inſiſts upon it, that there is nothing in the French treaty to prevent our doing juſtice to the Court of Portugal. The arrival, therefore, of Mr Fawkner, from Portugal, is not waited, for going into a conſideration of the French Treaty, which will be taken up, and carried through both Houſes of Parliament with all poſſible expedition, as ſoon as the ſeparate treaty, or convention, forming with the French, ſhall be tranſmitted home by his Majeſty's Miniſter at Verſailles."

On the 1ſt current, Lady Hannah Hay was ſafely delivered of a ſon at Bonnytown.

Died in September laſt, on a voyage to the Weſt Indies, Mr John Balfour ſurgeon.

Died, on Thurſday, at Caroline Park, Miſs Clementina Pawſon, daughter to the deceaſed George Pawſon, Eſq; wine-merchant in London.

## COURT OF EXCHEQUER.

*The* BURGESSES *of* DUNBARTON *againſt their* MAGISTRATES.

The very important action on which the Barons yeſterday proceeded to give judgment, and of which we have had frequent occaſion to take notice, was founded by the Burgeſſes of Dunbarton on the ſtatutes 1535. c. 26. & 1693. c. 28. in conſequence of which an annual precept was iſſued from Exchequer, down to the preſent day, requiring the Magiſtrates of Royal Burghs to produce their accounts in that Court. The argument in defence of the Magiſtrates was, *1ſt*, That the laws founded on by the proſecutors were in deſuetude. *2dly*, That by the act conſtituting the preſent Court of Exchequer after the Union, no juriſdiction was given them in relation to the accounts of Burghs.

*Mr Baron Steuart-Moncrieff* compared and examined, in a very accurate manner, the various acts of Parliament which had been paſſed, prior as well as poſterior to thoſe founded on by the proſecutors, reſpecting the power of the Court of Exchequer to examine and audite the accounts of the Royal Burghs, and was decidedly of opinion, that the act 1535, which was acknowledged on all hands to veſt that juriſdiction in the Court, but which had been contended was gone into deſuetude, was ſtill in full force; and therefore, that the Court ought to find themſelves competent judges of the matter now at iſſue.

*Mr Baron Gordon* was of a contrary opinion.—He regretted very much, that the action did not lie before that Court; becauſe, from all accounts, the common good of the Royal Burghs of Scotland in general had been ſhamefully miſmanaged. That conſideration, however, ſtrong as it weighed in his mind, would not allow him to aſſume a power with which the conſtitution had not inveſted him. He was clearly of opinion, that the act 1535; had not only gone into deſuetude, but that the various acts of Parliament paſſed ſince that time had conſidered it in that light; and of conſequence, had proceeded to enact matters in expreſs contradiction to what was to be found in the act 1535. He was therefore againſt ſuſtaining the Court as competent judges in the preſent caſe.

*Baron Sir John Dalrymple* took a very wide and extenſive view of the ſubject, depicting, in the moſt lively colours, the miſerable ſituation into which the Royal Burghs of Scotland may be reduced, if a controuling power over the management of their Magiſtrates, who were ſelf-created, and had the diſpoſal of the common good of the burgh, did not exiſt ſomewhere, independent of the Convention of Royal Burghs, with whom, it had been contended, the only controul lay. For they, Sir John obſerved, were ſurely the moſt inconpetent judges that poſſibly could be figured; becauſe they were all and each of them guilty of the ſame malverſations of which the Magiſtrates of Dunbarton were at preſent accuſed; and it was not to be ſuppoſed, that a body of men, compoſed, as they were, of Provoſts and Bailies from different burghs, would hear or redreſs the grievances of Burgeſſes, complaining of the dilapidation of funds belonging to a particular burgh, when they muſt be conſcious to themſelves of being guilty of the ſame crime of which their brethren in iniquity were accuſed. It would be perfectly ſimilar to the caſe that had been ſtated in the pleading by his learned and ingenious friend the Dean of Faculty. It was ſuppoſing that the Legiſlature would be ſo abſurd as to paſs a law for puniſhing bribery in gaugers, and at the ſame time enact, that the judges who were to try the bribery ſhould be the whole gaugers in Scotland. Sir John was entirely of opinion with Mr Baron Stewart, that the acts founded upon were ſtill in force, and that the Court of Exchequer were competent to try the matter now at iſſue.

*Mr Baron Norton* coincided in opinion with Mr Baron Gordon. He was clear, that by the law of Scotland, the act 1535 was in deſuetude; though, had he been ſitting as an Engliſh Judge, he would have been of very different ſentiments; becauſe, by the law of England, no ſtatute is held to be in deſuetude, however ancient, or however little put in practice, unleſs it is repealed with the ſame ſolemnity, and by the ſame power, with which it was at firſt enacted. The caſe, however, was different in reſpect to the law of Scotland; and therefore, ſitting as a Scotch Judge, he was bound to give effect to the law of that country. He could not ſpeak with the ſame conviction his brethren had done as to the miſmanagement of the revenues of the Royal Burghs, becauſe he had not had the ſame acceſs of being acquainted with the matter; but he agreed in opinion with them, that it was highly neceſſary they ſhould be ſubject to controul; though he was clearly of opinion, the Court of Exchequer, whatever might have been its ancient powers, was, by its preſent conſtitution, incompetent to the buſineſs, and had no authority to judge of the queſtion now brought before them.

The *Lord Chief Baron*, with his uſual accuracy and preciſion, delivered his opinion, which was clearly againſt the competency of the Court to try the preſent queſtion. His Lordſhip, at the ſame time, regretted that this ſhould be the caſe; becauſe he was conſcious that much dilapidation was committed by the Magiſtrates of different Royal Burghs, upon the common good under their management. He entirely agreed with Sir John Dalrymple, that the Convention of Royal Burghs were the very worſt people that could be entruſted with the power of controlling the accounts of the different Burghs; and hoped that the petitioners, who had diſcovered ſo much laudable zeal in this buſineſs, would not ſtop ſhort, but apply to the Legiſlature, from whom alone, it appeared to his Lordſhip, they could receive redreſs.

The Court were thus divided, three *againſt* the juriſdiction, and two *for* it.

Their Lordſhips ſpoke with great ability and eloquence. Seldom has more juſtice been done to any cauſe either by the bench or the bar, as all the gentlemen who ſpoke upon the ſubject, appeared to have inveſtigated it with a deepneſs and acuteneſs of reſearch, worthy of ſo important a queſtion.

We hear the above deciſion will be appealed to the Houſe of Peers.

This day, the Candlemas Exchequer Term ends.

The celebrated Mrs Robinſon, long the favourite actreſs of the Dublin Theatre, is arrived here, and will make her appearance on Monday.

A moſt alarming circumſtance took place yeſterday morning in a gentleman's houſe in George's Street, by which the whole of his property there, was nearly reduced to aſhes, and his whole family in the moſt imminent danger. It aroſe from the careleſſneſs of one of his maid ſervants, who put ſome warm aſhes and chip coals into an iron backet, and placed them in a corner of the kitchen; by the warmth of the aſhes the coals were kindled up, and ſet fire to the kitchen, and, but for a timely diſcovery, would have produced the above dreadful effect. This inattention in ſervants ought to be much guarded againſt, as no puniſhment, however exemplary, ſeems poſſible to prevent it, and can never atone for the dreadful conſequences that may be thereby produced.

The Commiſſioners of Exciſe have received from the Treaſury a plan for the conſolidating and ſimplifying that branch of the revenue, in the ſame manner as the Cuſtoms.

On Wedneſday ſe'ennight the Hawick ploughing competition took place on a haugh at Aſhlebank, belonging to George Douglas, Eſq; of Cavers, when twenty-two ploughs ſet to work, in preſence of a vaſt concourſe of people, who ſeemed highly to reliſh the pleaſing ſcene. Each man ploughed two ridges, and after the work was finiſhed, the Judges, viz. Alexander Chatto, Eſq. of Mainhouſe, Mr Alexander Oliphant in Eckford, and Mr Andrew Currer in Charterhaugh, came and inſpected it, and adjudged the prizes as follow: The firſt prize, being 1 l. to William Huntly, ſon of Thomas Huntly, taylor in Denholm. The ſecond prize, being 15 s. to Adam Goodfellow, ſervant to Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto, who ploughed with two oxen without a driver. The third prize, being 10 s. to John Johnſton, farmer in Spittal. The fourth prize, being 5 s. to Michael Renwick, ſervant to Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto. The whole performance gave great ſatisfaction to the Judges and other gentlemen preſent.

Tueſday afternoon, as ſome labourers were levelling the ground on the North ſide of St John's church yard Newcaſtle, they found the body of a female without a coffin, lightly covered with earth, which the Coroner ſuppoſes to have lain about twelve months; and ſeveral circumſtances inducing a ſuſpicion of her having been murdered, the Corporation have generouſly offered a reward of TWENTY GUINEAS to any perſon who ſhall give information of any circumſtance that may lead to a diſcovery.

In the Iriſh Houſe of Commons, on the 23d ult. Mr Curren mentioned the following fact, to ſhow the miſerable ſtate of the police of Ireland: "One Seely, a notorious offender, for whom a reward had been offered by government, appeared openly in the county. A poor cottager was met by a perſon one morning in going to pay his rent. The perſon aſked him, Was he not diſtreſſed to make up the money? The poor cottager innocently replied, Why ſhould I want money, when I can at any time get fifty pounds for informing againſt Seely? For having dropped this expreſſion, the wretch's cabin was that night broken open by ſix armed men, and, as himſelf, his wife and children ſat round a little table, at their taſteleſs and ſcanty meal of dry potatoes, a blunderbuſs was diſcharged on them. Scarcely one of the children eſcaped being wounded; the father died on the ſpot. In Tralee another fellow broke goal; and yet they are both walking about the country, not ſkulking or hiding, but in the face of day. Informations were laid before a magiſtrate—a very reſpectable perſon, but no ſtep has been taken to apprehend them, and the murderer and the outlaw ſtalk about the land laughing at the ſleeping laws."

*A caution to Mariners.*—The ſnow Neptune, Mortimer, from Newcaſtle, with a cargo of coals, drove from off the Cockle ſand, and ſunk in deep water; the wreck lays in eight fathoms and a half at low water, long mark; the chapel juſt open to the weſtward of the Northermoſt mill on Yarmouth Denes, bearing S. W. thwart mark; Caiſter church on with the cliſt end, bearing N. W. half W. and the buoy of Scroby, bearing E. by N. The wreck lays S. E. and N. W. at preſent half the top-maſts above water.

*To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.*

SIR,

YOU will pleaſe inſert the following in anſwer to the obſervations of A. B. on an advertiſement in your paper of the 25th ult. regarding the ſupply of water to the city.

Petitions and complaints have multiplied from all quarters of the city, owing to the ſcarcity of water, inſomuch that it became almoſt impoſſible to give particular replies, either by writing or perſonal interview. The inhabitants, from a late act of Parliament, were entitled to expect an encreaſe to their ſupply of water, and common civility, therefore, required, that, without delay, ſome reply ſhould be given to thoſe very numerous letters and petitions preſented on that ſubject.

For this reaſon, the facts were ſtated in the advertiſement alluded to by A. B. ſimply as they now ſtand, without miſrepreſentation or miſtake.

A ſubmiſſion, or reference, was indeed propoſed; but by entering into this ſubmiſſion, however reſpectable the character of the arbiter, the powers veſted in the Magiſtrates, by the act of Parliament, muſt have fallen to the ground; and they muſt, in that event, have taken upon them to barter, or totally annihilate an act of the Legiſlature entruſted to them for the expreſs purpoſe of procuring, in a legal manner, one of the moſt neceſſary articles of life to nearly 100,000 citizens.

It is left to the candid public to judge, in what manner the Magiſtrates of Edinburgh could have been juſtified in adopting a meaſure of this nature.

The real inconveniencies attending the tract in which the preſent pipes from Comieſton are laid, ſuch as ſhort delivery, concealed leakage, by paſſing through deep quarries, rivulets of water, &c. &c. pointed out an abſolute neceſſity for an amendment in that particular; a proper tract was, therefore, marked out, not attended with thoſe inconveniencies; and the moſt ample damages, as *arbiters ſhould determine*, were offered for opening and covering in the ground, as formerly mentioned

It was not neceſſary to requeſt liberty to lay pipes in the old tract, had it been eligible ſo to do, that being already provided for by a former act of Parliament, confirmed by deciſions; and there could be no merit in forbearing to oppoſe a right thus eſtabliſhed.

If A. B. is at all acquainted with the ſubject, he muſt know, that the proprietors of two mills which are ſituated on the ſprings fixed on by the Magiſtrates, have already put in claims for damages; and that the ſpring alluded to in his quaint obſervation of a hogſhead of wine, would be burdened with the claims of above *twenty mills*, many of them of great value; would require double the expence in the conveyance, an expence *amounting to ſeveral thouſand pounds*; and, with all thoſe inconveniencies, would actually deliver leſs water at Edinburgh, than will be got from thoſe intended to be brought into the city: and every impartial perſon muſt acknowledge, that it was the duty of the Magiſtrates to appropriate thoſe ſprings which were ſituated neareſt to the city.

It is plain, the Magiſtrates have no intereſt in this queſtion of a ſeparate nature from that of the inhabitants at large. Neither is it poſſible they can have any wiſh in forwarding the buſineſs, but for the general comfort and conveniency of their conſtituents.

The want of water is a matter of ſuch ſerious concern (of which a late inſtance among many may be adduced) that it is hoped no perſon in his ſenſes will perſiſt in holding out arguments which have the colour of being dictated by a *ſpirit of litigation only*, in oppoſition to *facts*, which it is hoped will admit of *no ſhadow of doubt whatever, and which are now actually in full view before the Court of Seſſion.*

The diſtinguiſhed plans, which HORSLEY and CO. have publiſhed, have inſured to them an aſtoniſhing run of buſineſs. The vaſt concourſe of people that continually crouds their ſhop is almoſt incredible. Our correſpondent has ſeen the banker's receipt, and therefore juſtly obſerves, that it is no wonder they ſhould have ſuch a rapid ſale for their very valuable chances, when the Public are thus ſecured, and certain of receiving what Fortune may favour them with, at the office where they bought their chances, which experience has ſhewn is not always the caſe.

State of the Thermometer ſince our laſt:

| | | | THERMOMETER. |
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| Thurſday, Feb. 1. | 8 o'clock, | P. M. | 40 |
| Friday, —— 2. | 8 —— | A. M. | 42 |
| | 8 —— | P. M. | 48 |
| Saturday, —— 3. | 8 —— | A. M. | 46 |

ARRIVED AT LEITH.

Feb. 1. Felicity, Horn, from London, with grain.
2. Hailes Caſtle, Barr, from Methell, with grain.
Peggy, Scott, from Dunbar, with fiſh, oil, and grain.
Robert, Smith, from Limekills, in ballaſt.
Elizabeth and Margaret, Norrie, from Alloa, whiſky.
Narford, Marchantgale, from Lynn, with grain.
Nancy, Gallaway, from Alloa, with whiſky.
Jean, Ferrier, from Glaſgow, with beef.
Elizabeth, Stevenſon, from St David's, coals, &c.
Well-beloved, Crombie, from Sealock, with ſalt.
May, Reid, from Wiſbeach, with grain.
3. Generous Mind, Blair, from Dundee, with goods.
Three ſloops with coals.

SAILED,

Betty and Bell, Allan, for Dunbar, with goods.
Betſey, Robertſon, for Berwick, with goods.
Leith, Gordon, for Liſbon, in ballaſt.

On Tueſday next, the 6th of February, 1787,
*At St CECILIA's HALL,*
Will be performed,

## SIGNOR STABILINI's CONCERT.

OF

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

ACT I.

Overture, HAYDN.
Song by Sig. CORRI.
CONCERTO CORELLI.

ACT II.

Song, by Sig. URBANI.
Concerto Mandallini, Sig. STABILINI.
Song, by Sig. CORRI.

ACT III.

Solo Concerto Violin, Sig. STABILINI,
(Compoſed for the occaſion by Sig. URBANI.)
Song, Sig. URBANI.
Overture, HAYDN.

To begin at half paſt Six o'clock.

Tickets, to be had at Signor Stabilini's, No. 6. Shakeſpeare's Square, and at all the muſic ſhops.

## GARRON STOCK.

TO be SOLD by public roup, in the Exchange Coffeehouſe of Edinburgh, on Wedneſday the 28th day of this current month, at ſix o'clock in the evening, by Walter Hog, truſtee for the creditors of Francis Garbett and Company, Eighty-One Shares, or L. 20,250 of STOCK in Carron Company, either in whole, or in ſuch lots as purchaſers may incline. The Stock will be ſet up at par; and the articles of ſale will be ſeen in the hands of Mr William Campbell writer to the ſignet, or the ſaid Walter Hog.


## A. Livingſton and Company,

Corner St. Patrick's Square, Coſcaden-y.

BEG leave to acquaint the Ladies and the Public, That they have juſt now on hand above One Hundred Chetts of Green, Souchong, Congou, and Bohea TEAS, purchaſed by one of their concerns at the India Houſe, who from his long experience is a judge of the qualities, and being on the ſpot, has it in his power to examine them, both in taſte and flavour. Whatever others may pretend, A. Livingſton and Company can aſſure their friends and the public, that none can ſerve them upon better terms.

The preſent ſelling prices are as under, viz.
Ordinary Congou, 3 s.—Middling, 4 s.—Fine, 4 s. 6 d.
Souchong, 5 s.—Fine, 5 s. 6 d.—Superfine Pekoe ſort, 6 s.
Common Green, 3 s. 6 d.—Very beſt Hyſon, 8 s.
Commiſſions from the country carefully attended to.

Juſt arrived from Burton, and to be ſold by

## JAMES SPADIN, GROCER,

Fourth ſhop below the Fleſh Market Cloſe Head,

A CARGO of the fineſt Burton Ale ever offered to ſale here, at 7 s. per dozen, and at ſame price ſingle bottles; Genuine London Porter at 3 s. per dozen; Old Jamaica Rum at 9 s. 6 d. and 9 s. per gallon; Single Rum at 6 s. 6 d.; Beſt Rum Shrub at 27 s. per dozen; Fine Coniack Brandy, Cinnamon Water, Port, Sherry, and Liſbon Wine, all of the beſt qualities; Hyſon, Green, Shoushong, and Congo Teas; Roaſted and Raw Coffee; Chocolate; Spiceries; Raw and Refined Sugars; Lemons, China and Seville Oranges; Cumberland Hams and Flitches of Bacon; Beef and Mutton Hams; Dried Tongues, and Tongues in the Pickle; Fine Cyder; with a great many articles too tedious to mention.

Empty bottles returned for the above.

The Public will find on trial, that the Burton Ale is real, genuine, and of the beſt quality.

Commiſſions carefully anſwered.

## AUCTION OF BOOKS.

THERE is to be SOLD by Auction, at Mr Hay's Vendue, near the Croſs Well, on Monday February 5th, and the five following evenings,—a valuable and ſcarce COLLECTION of BOOKS, part of them, being the Library of a Gentlemen deceaſed.

As the Books muſt all be ſold off, they will be put up at the pleaſure of the company.

Catalogues to be had of Mr John Guthrie, and Mr John M'Duff, bookſellers, Netherbow, Edinburgh.

## Sale of Wheat and Barley.

TO be SOLD by public roup, for behoof of the Underwriters, on Thurſday the 8th current, between the hours of eleven and twelve forenoon, in the houſe of Mrs Sarſfield, ſucceſſor to Mrs Ritchie, on the ſhore of Leith,

About 800 to 900 Bolls of WHEAT and BARLEY, being the cargo of the Nathaniel and Mary, ſtranded at Methill.

The cargo was ſhipped at Yarmouth, and is of a very fine quality, and has been all waſhed with freſh water, and properly kiln dryed.

BY ORDER OF THE HONOURABLE

## Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms,

THERE is to be expoſed to public roup and ſale, at the Cuſtomhouſes of the ports, upon the reſpective days after mentioned, at twelve o'clock noon each day,

Sundry Parcels of Wine, Brandy, Rum, Geneva, and others, lately condemned in his Majeſty's Court of Exchequer.

MONTROSE, Saturday, 10th February 1787—13 gallons geneva; 45 fir-deals; 249 libs. counterfeit halfpence; a boat and her materials.

ABERDEEN, Monday, 12th—301¼ gallons geneva; 684 gallons rum; 280¼ gallons brandy; 50 gallons ſpirits; 4 beer; 12 gallons red French wine; 24 gallons white Portugal wine, &c.

## Lands in Leith.

THE HOUSES and AREAS lying betwixt the Horſe and Sheephead Wynds in Leith, formerly advertiſed, are now propoſed to be feued out in four different lots; and the ſale is to proceed in the houſe of Mrs Sarſfield on the ſhore of Leith, on Monday the 5th February 1787, at ſix in the evening.

The ground-plan may be ſeen in the hands of Alexander Neilſon writer, Leith.

## A Houſe to be Sold.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouſe, upon Tueſday the 13th day of February current, between the hours of five and ſix afternoon,

That DWELLING HOUSE, being the ſecond Storey of a tenement of land on the north ſide of the Canongate, oppoſite to the Britiſh Linen Office, as lately poſſeſſed by Miſs Patterſon, conſiſting of a kitchen, dining-room, two other rooms with cloſets. Alſo, a cellar in the cloſe immediately above the ſaid tenement, preſently poſſeſſed by William Cunningham.

Theſe ſubjects are inſured in the Edinburgh Friendly Inſurance Office. The premium is paid up, and the proprietor has been in uſe to draw a dividend from the office for ſome years paſt.

The articles of roup and progreſs of writs are in the hands of Matthew Sandilands writer to the ſignet; and the houſe will be ſeen by applying at Mr Reid's, the houſe above.

## Judicial Sale—By Adjournment,

AND

UPSET PRICES REDUCED.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Parliament, or new Seſſion-houſe of Edinburgh, upon Friday the 2d day of March 1787, between the hours of five and ſeven afternoon,

The REMAINING PART of the SUBJECTS which belonged to Andrew Cranſton, in the Abbey of Holyroodhouſe, viz.

I. The TENEMENT of HOUSES and PERTINENTS, lying in the Abbey, ſet in Tack to Mrs Binning; the free yearly rent of which is proved to be 47 l. 1 s. 10 d. and the upſet price, which was formerly fixed at 565 l. 2 s. 2 d. being 12 years purchaſe of the rent, is now reduced to 500 l. Sterling.

II. The TENEMENT of HOUSES, lying in the Abbey, now, or lately poſſeſſed by Andrew Cranſton, William Lamb, and Mrs Crawford; the free yearly rent amounts to 26 l. 17 s. 9 d. 9-12ths Sterling, valued at 268 l. 18 s. 1 d. 6-12ths, being at the rate of 10 years purchaſe; but the upſet price is now reduced to 250 l.

III. The YEARLY FEU-DUTY of Eight Pounds Sterling, and the Caſualities of ſuperiority exigible, by Andrew Cranſton, in virtue of a feu-charter, granted by him to the late George Millar, brewer in the Abbey. This ſuperiority is proven to be worth 168 l. Sterling, being 21 years purchaſe of the feu-duty; but the upſet price is now reduced to 155 l. Sterling.

The conditions of ſale and title-deeds, are in the office of Mr John Callander, depute-clerk of Seſſion; and copies, the proven rental may be got from Kenneth Mackenzie junior, writer to the ſignet.

## Lands in the County of Kincardine.

TO be SOLD by private bargain, the Lands and Eſtate of WHITERIGGS and ARTHUR-HOUSE, lying in the pariſhes of Fordoun and Garvock, with the manſion-houſe, garden, and offices, pleaſantly ſituated on the water of Bervie.

For particulars, apply to Mr William Burnet, Advocate in Aberdeen, James Greig, writer in Edinburgh, or the proprietor, Mr Keith, at Whiteriggs by Bervie.

TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE BARGAIN,
Or LET at Whitſunday next 1787,

## THE Houſe of Gardener's Hall,

pleaſantly ſituated, within half-a-mile of Edinburgh, to the weſt, with the offices, viz. Coach-houſe, Stable, Cow-houſe, &c. and likewiſe, two incloſures, conſiſting of five Scots acres, excluſive of pleaſure ground.

For particulars, enquire at Mr Fraſer Tytler, advocate, George's Square.

## NOTICE

ALL Perſons having claims againſt the late CHARLES YOUNG, Drover in Argyleſhire, will lodge them, properly vouched, with Mr Robert Lindſay, writer in Inveraray, or Charles Campbell, merchant in Glaſgow, either of whom are properly authoriſed to uplift and diſcharge debts due to that eſtate, of which all intereſted will pleaſe take notice.

☞ And whereas, ſometime ago the Manſe of Greenock was Broke into, where part of the Houſehold Furniture, &c. of the ſaid Charles Young, drover in Argyleſhire, were depoſited, all the Bed and Table Linen, &c. carried off, his bureau broke open, and all papers of value abſtracted,—this is therefore offering a Reward of TWENTY GUINEAS to any perſon who will give information of the offender or offenders, to be paid upon conviction, by Mr Robert Lindſay, writer, Inveraray; Charles Campbell, merchant, Glaſgow; or Hugh Campbell, ſhip-carpenter, Greenock.

## NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of ANGUS SHAW,
Merchant in Inverneſs.

THE Lords of Seſſion, on the 1ſt February current, upon application of the ſaid Angus Shaw, with concourſe of a Creditor to the extent required by the ſtatute, ſequeſtrated the whole eſtate of the ſaid Angus Shaw, real and perſonal, ſituated within the juriſdiction of the Court, and appointed the Creditors to meet within the houſe of George Beverly, vintner in Inverneſs, upon Wedneſday the 7th of February current, at twelve o'clock noon, to chuſe an interim factor—whereof all concerned are hereby required to take notice.

FEBRUARY 1. 1787.

## NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of the deceaſed JAMES HOGG,
Merchant in the Links of Kirkcaldie.

THE Creditors of the ſaid James Hogg are required to meet on Tueſday the 13th day of February current, at twelve o'clock noon, within the houſe of James Wilſon, inn-keeper in Links, when a ſtate of the deceaſed's affairs will be laid before them, and that they may adopt ſuch meaſures as ſhall ſeem proper reſpecting the management.

## NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of THOMAS HALL, Tackſman of Brencheilly, in Argyleſhire.

THE Creditors of the ſaid Thomas Hall, having met at Inverary, upon the 26th January 1787, in conſequence of an advertiſement in the Edinburgh newſpapers, notifying, that the Lord ordinary on the bills had, on the 11th January laſt, ſequeſtrated the whole real and perſonal Eſtates of the ſaid Thomas Hall, the bankrupt, within the juriſdiction of the Court, and appointing the creditors to meet on that day, for the purpoſe of naming an interim factor on his ſequeſtrated eſtate, in terms of the act of Parliament paſſed in the 23d year of his preſent Majeſty, cap. 18.

The creditors preſent, after having produced their grounds of debt, with oaths of verity thereon, before the Sheriff ſubſtitute of Argyle, to whom commiſſion was granted for receiving the ſame, made choice of Duncan Campbell junior, [illegible] to be interim factor on the ſaid ſequeſtrated eſtate, and appointed him to intimate, in terms of the ſaid act, that a general meeting of the bankrupt's creditors is to be held within the houſe of John Fraſer, vintner in Inverary, on Thurſday the 8th day of March next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpoſe of chuſing a Truſtee or Truſtees.

The factor having afterwards applied to the ſaid Sheriff, in terms of the ſtatute, for having a day in each of the four ſucceeding weeks ſet apart for the public examination of the bankrupt and his family, or others acquainted with his buſineſs; he has appointed the four following days for that purpoſe, viz. Monday the 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th February inſtant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of each of theſe days.—Of all which, intimation is hereby given, and the creditors are required to attend theſe examinations, when they will have an opportunity of putting ſuch queſtions as ſhall be judged proper, for rendering the diſcovery and ſurrender of the bankrupt's eſtate more complete.

Such of the ſaid Thomas Hall's creditors as have not yet produced their grounds of debt, are required to lodge the ſame, with oaths of verity thereon, in the factor's hands, before the enſuing general meeting.

## NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of WILLIAM BELL, Drover in Grainhall, in the county of Dumfries.

UPON the application of the ſaid William Bell, with concurrence of George Bell in Beakenbedds, and others of his Creditors—The Lords of Council and Seſſion did, in terms of the ſtatute paſſed in the 23d year of his preſent Majeſty's reign, cap. 18. on the 2d February inſtant, ſequeſtrate the whole eſtates both real and perſonal belonging to the ſaid William Bell, within the juriſdiction of the Court, and appointed his Creditors to meet within the houſe of James Black vintner in Eccleſfechan, upon the 16th day of February current, at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpoſe of chooſing an interim factor upon the ſaid ſequeſtrated eſtate, and granted commiſſion to the Sheriff-depute of the county of Dumfries, or his Subſtitute, or failing them, to any of the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid county, to attend the meeting of the Creditors, and receive production of their grounds of debt, with the oaths of verity thereon; and to ſubſcribe the minutes of the meeting, along with the Preſes to be choſen thereat, in manner directed in the before mentioned ſtatute; agreeable to which, and the Lords appointment, intimation of the ſaid meeting, is hereby given.

## Notice to Creditors.

THE Creditors of JAMES GORDON, late of Cairſton, in the iſland of Orkney, deceaſed, and of JAMES GORDON, now of Cairſton, his ſon, are requeſted to give in to George Andrew, writer in Edinburgh, notes of the debts due to them ſeverally, ſpecifying the principal ſums and intereſt, and the nature and terms of the ſecurities by which their debts are conſtituted, in order that meaſures for their payment, by a ſale of Mr Gordon's eſtate, or otherwiſe, may as ſoon as poſſible be concerted.

## Second Notice—Second Term.

THAT in the proceſs of Ranking and Sale, at the inſtance of David Ruſſel, accomptant in Edinburgh, truſtee for the creditors of George Gray, late of Leaſton, againſt John Howiſon of Holmfoot, late writer in Edinburgh, and his creditors, Lord Henderland Ordinary, by his interlocutor, dated 19th January 1787, aſſigned the 14th day of February next, to the ſeveral creditors who have not produced their intereſts, to produce their ſeveral claims againſt the bankrupt, or his eſtate, and haill vouchers thereof, with certification as in a reduction and improbation, and that for the *ſecond term*; and appointed intimation thereof to be made to all concerned, by inſerting the ſame in the Caledonian Mercury and Edinburgh Evening Courant, for three weeks ſucceſſively after the date of the interlocutor.

In obedience to which, this intimation is made.

O. M. KIRKPATRICK, Clerk.

To be LET and entered to either immediately, or at Whitſunday next,

## THE Houſe, Garden, Coach-houſe,

and Stable in the Abbey-hill, belonging to, and formerly poſſeſſed by Walter Hog, manager for the Britiſh Linen Company. The houſe conſiſts of a parlour, writing-room, dining-room, and ſeven bed chambers, two garret rooms, and a very large and convenient kitchen.

Theſe ſubjects, with two weaving ſhops of ſixteen loom-ſtances, and ſeveral ſmall houſes, are to be ſold.

For particulars apply to Mr William Campbell, writer to the ſignet, or the ſaid Walter Hog.

To be SOLD or LET on leaſe, for ſuch a number of years as can be agreed upon,

## THE Dwelling-houſe, Park, Garden,

and Offices on St John's Hill, ſouth back of the Canongate, entering by St John's Street, which belonged to the late Dr Lothian, preſently poſſeſſed by David Urquhart, Eſq; of Braelawngwell.

The Houſe is pleaſantly ſituated, and conſiſts of dining-room, drawing-room, ſeven bed rooms, with garrets, cloſets, and preſſes; beſides a kitchen and cellars in the two pavilions adjoining to the houſe, one of which might be eaſily converted into a coach-houſe and ſtables. There is alſo half an acre of ground laid out in a garden, park, and ſhrubbery about the houſe. The feu-duty for the whole premiſſes is two ſhillings annually.

To be ſeen on Tueſdays and Fridays, from twelve to two o'clock.

For further particulars enquire at Robert Brown, writer to the ſignet, Wardrobe's Court.

To be LET upon a Leaſe of ſeven or more years,
OR TO BE SOLD,

## A HOUSE (from top to bottom) in

Prince's Street, the ſecond weſt of Frederick-ſtreet, conſiſting of dining room, drawing room, ſix bed rooms, four of them with dreſſing rooms in the upper floors, and kitchen, ſervants hall, cellars, water pipe, and many conveniencies in the half ſunk ſtorey.

Apply to Meſſrs Young and Trotter.

## Sale of a Houſe in Brown's Square.

TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE BARGAIN,

A Large & Convenient HOUSE in Brown's Square, conſiſting of a ſunk ſtorey, and three floors, beſides garrets, with a back court, waſhing-houſe, cellars, and offices: Alſo, Coach-houſe, ſtable, hay-loft, and ſervants room.

For particulars apply to John Gordon, clerk to the ſignet, St Andrew's Square.

## Sale of a Houſe in Brown's Square.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouſe of Edinburgh, on Wedneſday the 7th day of February 1787, at one o'clock afternoon,

That HOUSE in Brown's Square, Edinburgh, belonging to Mr Sinclair of Freſwick, with the area in the front thereof.—The Houſe conſiſts of the following particulars:

GROUND STOREY.

A large kitchen well lighted, houſe-keeper's room, ſervants hall, pantry, wine cellar with catacombs, coal houſe, water pipe, a cloſet at the foot of the ſtair leading from the kitchen door, office houſes, and other conveniencies.

FIRST FLOOR.

A large dining room, a convenient butler's preſs in the lobby, a large back parlour and cloſet.

SECOND FLOOR.

A large drawing room, 32 feet long, 21 feet broad, and 15 feet high, with a large back drawing room.

THIRD FLOOR.

Three large bed-rooms, dreſſing room, and three cloſets. A convenient cloſet on the top of the ſtair, ſame floor with the bed-rooms.

Three large garrets, all with fire places.

The houſe may be ſeen every day before the ſale, and may be entered to at Whitſunday next.

The articles of roup, with the title-deeds, to be ſeen in the hands of Alexander Mackenzie, writer to the ſignet.

TO be SOLD by public roup or auction, within the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, upon Wedneſday the 21ſt March 1787, betwixt the hours of ſix and ſeven afternoon,

## I. The Barony of CLOWDEN, *alias* NEWARK,

lying in the pariſh of Kirkpatrick Irongray, and ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright, comprehending the lands and farms of Rowton Bridge, Upper, Nether, and Mid Dalwhairn, Lagg, Rouchtree, Hallhill, Cobbexholm, Newark Braes, Whinnyhill, Ingleſton, Gateſide, or Kirkpatrick and Clowden, with the corn, barley, and wheat mills, a ſalmon fiſhing in the river Clowden, and the vice patronage of the pariſh of Kirkpatrick Irongray.

This eſtate is of a remarkable good ſoil, well incloſed and ſubdivided with thriving full grown hedges; it is at preſent in good condition, and there is ſufficiency of ſhell marl upon it to keep it ſo. It contains about 1870 Engliſh acres, whereof 1500 are arable and meadow, about 90 woodland, and the remainder very good paſture. The preſent rent is 882 l. 1 s. 1 d. Sterling, and the tenants beſide pay the victual ſtipend and ſchool ſalary; but a conſiderable riſe of rent may be depended on at the expiry of the current leaſes. It holds of the Crown, and ſtands rated in the ceſs-books at 1260 l. 10 s. Scots. The teinds are valued, and the purchaſer will have right to them.

The woods are well incloſed, and very thriving; at laſt cutting they ſold for upwards of 700 l. Sterling, excluſive of the woods on Hallhill, which are preſently fit for ſale.

This eſtate is pleaſantly ſituated on the banks of the river Clowden, within three miles of the town of Dumfries; and it has many delightful ſituations upon it for building a manſion-houſe, which would command the view of the rivers Nith and Clowden, the town and port of Dumfries, the whole gentlemens ſeats in that rich and populous neighbourhood, the Solway Frith, and the Cumberland hills; and there is a good free-ſtone quarry on the eſtate, near a good ſtance for a manſion-houſe.

Mr W. Black, at Nando's Coffeehouſe, London, can give a full deſcription of this eſtate.

II. The Thirty-ſhilling Lands of OVER BARNCLEUGH, lying in the ſaid pariſh and county, within a mile and an half of Clowden, conſiſting of about 200 Engliſh acres, whereof 160 are arable, and 19 moſs, where there is an inexhauſtible quantity of ſhell marl.

Theſe lands are all ſufficiently incloſed and ſubdivided with good ſtone walls. The preſent rent is only 50 l. but when the current leaſe expires at Martinmas 1787, a conſiderable riſe will be got.

The teinds are valued, and the purchaſer will have righ to them.

III. Theſe parts of the Barony of GLASSNOCK, lying in the pariſh of Peningham and county of Wigton, comprehending the farms of Over and Nether Glaſſnocks and Killeal, with a Salmon-fiſhing in the river Bladnoch.

Theſe are good grazing lands both for black cattle and ſheep. They are ſet for one year, from Whitſunday 1787, at a rent of of 133 l. 15 s. 4 d. and a great riſe of rent may be expected on a leaſe of endurance. The teinds are valued; and the tenants pay all the public burdens.

The title-deeds, conditions of ſale, tacks, rentals, plans, and meaſurements of the ſeveral eſtates before mentioned, will be ſeen in the hands of William Campbell writer to the ſignet, Edinburgh; and, for further information, apply to Alexander Farquharſon accomptant in Edinburgh, who has power to ſell by private bargain.

John Linton, in Gateſide, near Dumfries, will ſhow the eſtate of Clowden; and Mr Cockburn, at Cree-bridge, the lands in Wigtonſhire.

## A Dock-yard, and a number of Houſes

AT LEITH—TO BE SET.

TO be SET in TACK for one or more years, and entered to at Whitſunday next 1787,

That TENEMENT of LAND lying on the Key of North Leith, formerly called *Douglas's Land*, with the *Dock* or *Building Ground* belonging thereto, and *Shades* and *Yard* oppoſite to the ſaid tenement, from head to foot of the Cloſe, in which the ſaid tenement is, and *Shade* or *Coal-houſe* on the north part of the ſaid tenement, as the ſame is at preſent, and has for ſeveral years paſt been poſſeſſed by Mr Walter Goolen, ſhip-builder in North Leith, and has ſub-tenants after mentioned.

As alſo, That other TENEMENT of LAND at the head of the ſaid Cloſe, and Small-houſe at the back of the ſaid laſt mentioned tenement, as the ſame is preſently poſſeſſed by John Paterſon, John Strachan, John Nicol, Mrs Philip, Mrs Paterſon, Mrs Campbell, &c. &c. with the haill pertinents and privileges belonging to the ſaid two Tenements, Dock or Building Ground, Shades, and Coal-houſe.

The rent paid for the premiſes, by Mr Goolen, the preſent tackſman, to the former proprietor lately deceaſed, was only 20 l Sterling a year, upon a leaſe of twenty years, now at an end; and Mr Goolen drew from his ſub-tenants above mentioned, 20 l. 11 s. Sterling of well paid rent, beſides poſſeſſing a handſome dwelling-houſe, with the ſole uſe of the dock or building ground, long range of ſhades, and yard above mentioned, rent free.

Propoſals for a leaſe of the premiſſes may be made or given in to Alexander Ferguſon writer, St James's Square, Edinburgh, which will be concealed and returned, if not accepted.

## ST. ANDREW's SQUARE.

TO be SOLD by auction, within Prince's Street Coffeehouſe, on Thurſday the 8th day of February curt. at ſix in the evening,

That HOUSE, No. 9. St Andrew's Street, in the new-extended royalty of Edinburgh, as poſſeſſed by James Dun, conſiſting of three ſtoreys, and containing eight fire-rooms, beſides kitchen, two cellars, and back court.—To be ſeen betwixt one and two every day.

The title-deeds and articles of ſale are in the hands of James Ferrier, writer to the ſignet.

## Sale of Houſes in Edinburgh adjourned.

TO be SOLD upon Tueſday the 6th of February, within the Exchange Coffeehouſe, between the hours of ſix and ſeven afternoon, the following Subjects which belonged to GEORGE CALLENDER, wright in Edinburgh, viz.

That TENEMENT of LAND lying at the foot of the Candlemaker-row, poſſeſſed by Andrew Scott ſtabler, and others, with ſtables behind the ſame.

This tenement is upwards of 60 feet in front, and extends near 80 feet backwards, and is capable of being improved to great advantage, having the benefit of a gavel adjoining, might be rebuilt at a very ſmall expence, which from a plan deſigned by Mr Callender, would make a very complete inn and ſtabling, with ſhops below.

The preſent free rent of this ſubject is 34 l. 10 s. and will be ſet up at 300 l. Sterling.

As alſo will be Sold, the following lots in that TENEMENT of LAND in the Candlemaker-row, lying immediately to the ſouth of Merchant Street, which was lately built by Mr Callender, viz.

Lot 1. To conſiſt of two ſtables under the ſaid tenement, with a piece of back ground. *Upſet price*
Rented at L. 13 0 0 L. 100 0 0

N. B. Theſe ſtables may, at a very ſmall expence, be converted into two houſes and ſhops, which would bring a very conſiderable rent.

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| Lot 2. Firſt flat, left hand of the ſtair, | *Upſet prices.* | | |
| Rented at | L. 7 10 0 | L. 56 0 0 | |
| Lot 3. Second flat, | 9 0 0 | 80 0 0 | |
| Lot 4. Fourth flat, | 5 5 0 | 50 0 0 | |
| Lot 5. Second flat, right hand of the ſaid ſtair | 9 0 0 | 80 0 0 | |
| Lot 6. Third flat, | 7 0 0 | 60 0 0 | |

Any perſon inclining to purchaſe may apply to James Small, ſhoemaker, Briſto Street, William Braidwood, merchant, Graſs-market, and John Sommerville, writer in Edinburgh, Truſtees for the Creditors of the ſaid George Callender, who have power to conclude a private bargain betwixt and the day of ſale, and will ſhow a plan of the ſubjects.

N. B. For the encouragement of perſons wiſhing to purchaſe the old Tenement at the head of the Cowgate, with a view to rebuild, the term of payment of the price will be poſtponed to Whitſunday 1788.

## Sale of Growing Wood.

TO be SOLD by public roup, in the houſe of Henry Laing vintner at Torwood, on Tueſday the 6th of February 1787, at eleven o'clock forenoon,

The WOOD OF THE TORWOOD, on the north ſide of the great road leading from Falkirk to Stirling, two miles from Carron Works, four from Falkirk, ſeven from Stirling, two from the Great Canal, and three from Carron Shore; to all which places there are good turnpike roads.

This wood covers 120 acres of ground. It conſiſts of oak, birch, and aller, but moſtly oak. There are 2175 old oak maidens, reſerved from the laſt cutting, of which only 30 are now to be reſerved. The eldeſt hagg is twenty-two years grown. Laſt cutting, the wood was divided into eight, but it is now meant to make ten haggs; one to be cut in the preſent, and in each of the nine ſucceeding years.

The articles and conditions of roup are to be ſeen in the hands of James Henderſon, the proprietor, at Blairs, contiguous to the wood; who will inform as to particulars.

## Heritable Debt to Sell.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary auction, within the Exchange Coffeehouſe, (A. Ramſay's), Edinburgh, on Tueſday the 6th day of February 1787, between the hours of ſix and ſeven o'clock in the evening,

An HERITABLE BOND for the ſum of Two Thouſand Pounds Sterling, over the lands of Mollance, and others, belonging to William Copland of Collieſton, Eſq; lying in the pariſh of Croſmichael, and ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright, with the burden of the liferent of a Lady about 46 years of age. The ſecurity is undoubted, and the titles complete.

The grounds of debt and conditions of ſale to be ſeen in the hands of George Robinſon, clerk to the ſignet, Queen's Street, Edinburgh, who is empowered to ſell by private bargain.

## JUDICIAL SALE

*By Adjournment,—and Upſet Price Reduced.*

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Parliament or New Seſſion Houſe of Edinburgh, upon Thurſday the 8th February, 1787, betwixt the hours of four and ſix afternoon,

The following Subject which pertained to James Grant of Carron, viz. An HERITABLE DEBT of 800 l. Sterling of principal, with annualrents due thereon ſince the term of Martinmas 1778, conſtituted by heritable bond, and infeftment thereon, over the lands and barony of Redcaſtle, lying in the pariſhes of Killernan and Kilmuir, and ſhire of Roſs, and to which the ſaid James Grant of Carron, has right by progreſs.—The value of which heritable debt is proven to be

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| Principal ſum in ſaid bond - | L. 800 0 0 |
| Intereſt due thereon from Martinmas 1778 - - - | 323 12 3 |
| Sum at which the ſaid debt was expoſed to ſale, - - | L. 1123 12 3 |

But which is now to be expoſed to ſale at the upſet price of One Thouſand Pounds Sterling.

The titles and articles of ſale are in the Office of Mr Alexander Roſs, depute clerk of ſeſſion.

*By Adjournment.*

## Building Areas to be Feued

BY PUBLIC ROUP.

THERE are to be FEUED by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, on Wedneſday 14th February 1787, at ſix o'clock afternoon,

Several AREAS for building on, lying on the weſt ſide of the road to Leith, and adjoining to the buildings called Auſtigua-ſtreet.

The ground is laid out according to a plan; the ſituation of it is remarkably pleaſant; the extenſive views it affords, without the poſſibility of interruption, and the uncommonly beautiful variety of theſe views, mark it as admirably adapted for building.

The center of this ground is at the ſame diſtance from the Bridge as No. 30. in Prince's Street, which is ſeveral doors eaſt of Hanover-ſtreet—as the church in George-ſtreet, and as the corner houſe of Queen-ſtreet, fronting St David's-ſtreet; and when the buildings on the ground feued ſome time ago by the truſtees for the public records are finiſhed, theſe will almoſt connect it with the town.—The opening, too, from Queen's-ſtreet to the road to Leith, which is ſoon to take place, will be of conſiderable importance to it. The advantages to be derived in building here, from the vicinity of the ſituation to the Regiſter Office, with which ſo many perſons of buſineſs have neceſſarily a connection, are obvious.

According to the plan, the buildings will have plots of back ground for the purpoſes of gardens and offices. The poſſeſſors of theſe will have the privilege of an open area, and will alſo have the liberty of intended waſhing houſes, and a large bleaching green, to be appropriated for the accommodation of the whole feuers. There is plenty of excellent water on the ground.

Independent of all theſe advantages, the feuers will be freed of the land ceſs and every other public tax, and will be exempted too from all the town's burdens. No premium or purchaſe-money will be demanded; and the payment of the feu-duty will not commence until the buildings are finiſhed.

Further particulars may be had, and the plan of the ground may be ſeen, upon application to Mr James Jollie, writer to the ſignet, Royal Bank Cloſe.

*Farms in the Shires of Berwick and Roxburgh.*

To be Let for ſuch a number of years as ſhall be agreed on—The entry to be at Whitſunday 1787.

## ALL and Whole the Stock or Store

Farm of BYRECLEUGH and HANDAXWOOD, lying in the pariſhes of Longformacus and Crainſhaws, and ſhire of Berwick. This Farm is of great extent, and well known to be of excellent good quality for paſturage of ſheep of all kinds, and is very healthy.

The Farm of FAUGH-HILL, conſiſting of 858 Engliſh acres, lying in the pariſh of Bowden and ſhire of Roxburgh. In this Farm there are ſundry well watered incloſures; it is very fit for corn and paſture, and for turnip, and may be much improved, as there is great appearance of ſhell marle on the premiſes. And

The NETHER-MILL of BOWDEN, aſtricted multures, and Mill Lands belonging thereto, lying in the pariſh of Bowden, and ſhire of Roxburgh.

William Edgar at Byreclengh will ſhew that Farm, and propoſals for it may be given in to Mr Robert Tait, Chamberlain to the Duke of Roxburgh, at Broxmouth. The Baron Officer at Bowden will ſhow the Farm of Faugh-hill and Bowden-mill; and perſons deſigning to take any of the Farms, may addreſs their propoſals to Mr Erſkine, clerk to the ſignet, Edinburgh, or to Mr Ker at Broomlands, near Kelſo. All propoſals not accepted will be kept ſecret.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

## Sale of the Eſtate of Redcaſtle.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, upon Wedneſday the 4th day of July 1787, at ſix o'clock afternoon,

The Lands and Barony of REDCASTLE, lying in the pariſhes of Kilernan and Kilmuir-Weſter, and county of Roſs. Theſe lands hold of the Crown, and are valued in the ceſs-books of the county at 1491 l. At a moderate converſion of the victual, they yield of yearly rent about 1200 l. Sterling; and being very extenſive, and ſtill in their natural ſtate, they are capable of great improvement. Their ſituation is uncommonly agreeable. They lie along the navigable frith of Beauly which bounds them on the ſouth, for the ſpace of about five miles. They are diſtant from the burgh of Inverneſs only about two miles. The ſoil is of an exceeding good quality, dry and healthy; and, owing to the ſouth expoſure, the crops are more early than in the moſt ſoutherly parts of Scotland. The manſion-houſe is fit to accommodate a large family. The gardens are extenſive, and yield fruits of all kinds in great plenty, early, and of the beſt quality. There is a conſiderable ſalmon-fiſhing upon the eſtate, and white fiſh, and ſhell-fiſh of all kinds. The low country game upon it is plenty; and all ſorts of Highland game within a few miles of it. There is ſome natural wood, and the plantations upon the eſtate are extenſive, and in thriving condition.

Any of the tenants upon the eſtate will ſhew the lands; and the rental, title-deeds, and articles of roup are to be ſeen in the hands of John Tait writer to the ſignet, Park Place, Edinburgh; and to whom any perſon may apply who wiſhes to purchaſe by private bargain.

## Judicial Sale of Lands,

*In the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, and ſhire of Wigton.*

TO be expoſed to public roup, under authority of the Court of Seſſion, within the Parliament-houſe, Edinburgh, upon Wedneſday the 7th March next, at five o'clock afternoon;

LOT I. The Lands of CAIROCH, CRAIGLOUR, and BLACKMARK, lying in the pariſh of Dalry, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright. The free proven rent whereof is L. 97 : 4 : 5 4-12ths. To be expoſed at the upſet price of L. 2333 : 6 : 8. The valued rent of theſe lands is L. 175 Scots.

LOT II. The Lands of FINGLAND, lying in the ſaid pariſh and ſhire, the free proven rent whereof is L. 70 : 4 : 5 4-12ths. To be expoſed at the upſet price of L. 1685 : 6 : 8. The valued rent of theſe lands is L. 225 Scots.

LOT III. The Lands of CORNHARROW and LITTLE CORLAE, with the ſuperiority of the third part of KNOCKSTING, lying in the ſaid pariſh and ſhire. The proven rent of the property lands is L. 43 : 2 : 10 8-12ths; and the whole to be expoſed at the upſet price of L. 1035. 9 s. 4 d. The valued rent of theſe lands is L. 203 : 6 : 8.

All the above lands are held blench of the Crown.

LANDS IN THE SHIRE OF WIGTON.

LOT IV. The Lands of CULMALZIE and KIRRYBRYNE, lying in the pariſh of Kirkinner, with the ſuperiority of the 40 ſhilling land of old extent of OCHELTREE, lying in the pariſh of Pennington. The free yearly rent of the property lands is proven to be L. 137 : 6 : 8 8-12ths; and the whole to be expoſed at the upſet price of L. 3295 : 11 : 4. The valued rent of theſe lands is L. 275 18 s. 8 d. Scots.

LOT V. The Lands of AIRLIES, lying in the ſaid pariſh of Kirkinner, the free proven rent whereof is L. 33 : 14 : 1 4-12ths. To be expoſed at the upſet price of L. 808 : 18 : 8. The valued rent of this farm is L. 76 : 16 : 0 Scots.

LOT VI. The Lands of ALTICRY, lying in the pariſh of Mochrum, the free proven rent whereof is L. 43 : 2 : 1 10-12ths. To be expoſed at the upſet price of L. 1035. 11 s. 8 d. The valued rent of this farm is L. 95 Scots.

The above lands hold blench or feu of the Crown.

The title-deeds and articles of roup may be ſeen in the hands of Mr George Kirkpatrick, depute-clerk of ſeſſion.—For particulars, apply to Archibald Tod, writer to the ſignet, agent in the ſale.

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